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SUBJECT: SECRETARY CONNALLY TRAVEL: MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION
FROM SECRETARY CONNALLY'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
BHUTTO AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE IN RAWALPINDI ON
JULY 6, 1972: PART II OF VV: U.S. DOMESTIC
POLITICAL SITUATION.

1. HE THEN IMMEDIATELY SAID THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO US
IS YOUR DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION. BEFORE I ASK YOU YOUR
VIEWS, MAY I EXPRESS TO YOU MY FEELINGS AND ATTITUDES AS WE SEE
THINGS FROM HERE? PRESIDENT NIXON HAS DONE A TRULY MAGNIFICENT
JOB AND HAS DISPLAYED A VAST FAMILIARITY WITH WORLD
PROBLEMS. HIS VISIT TO PEKING HAS BEEN OF INCREDIBLE VALUE AND
I WOULD EVEN SAY THE SAME FOR HIS TRIP TO MOSCOW. (THIS WAS
OBVIOUSLY INTENDED TO PUT THE VISIT TO MOSCOW IN SECONDARY
POSITION.) HE SAID: "WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE U.S.? SURELY
MCGOVERN DOES NOT STAND A CHANCE TO BE ELECTED. IF HE WERE IT
WOULD HAVE DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE WORLD. I AM TRULY
UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND MEN LIKE SENATOR MCGOVERN AND SENATOR
CHURCH - WHO SHOULD BE GOING TO CHURCH."

2. AFTER MY EVALUATION OF THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION,
IN WHICH I OUTLINED WHY I FELT MCGOVERN HAD COME TO ACHIEVE
THE DEGREE OF SUCCESS HE HAS AND PREDICTED THAT IF HE WAS
INDEED NOMINATED THAT PRESIDENT NIXON WOULD BE RE-ELECTED,
PRESIDENT BHUTTO SAID HE COULD NOT BELIEVE THAT THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE WOULD CAST ASIDE THE MAGNIFICENT CONTRIBUTIONS THE

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PRESIDENT HAS MADE FOR A MAN LIKE MCGOVERN. (HE WAS EFFUSIVE IN HIS PRAISE OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF PRESIDENT NIXON AND I AM USING SUBSTANTIALLY QUOTES OF HIS.)

3. AFTER MY EVALUATION OF THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION HE IMMEDIATELY RELATED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ELECTIONS THIS FALL TO THE REST OF THE WORLD. HE SAID THAT NOTHING COULD HAVE A MORE PROFOUND INFLUENCE THAT THE OUTCOME OF OUR ELECTION.
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